1	2	3	4
3.	Manipur	460.00	200.00
4.	Meghalaya	480.00	300.00
5.	Mizoram	340.00	600.00
6.	Nagaland	500.00	1100.00
7	Tripura	200.00	200.00
8.	Sikkim	160.00	
	Total NE States	4760.00	5400.00
	Grand Total (All States & UTs)	72020.00	15360.00

Improvement of PDS

†1406. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn on a survey report in respect of public distribution system of the country conducted by National Sample Survey Organization;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take steps to improve distribution system in view of the survey report; and

(c) if so, the details of the measures thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has received the Report of National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) on the Public Distributton System and other sources of household consumption based on 61st Round of National Sample Survey (2004-05).

(b) and (c) Strengthening of the Targeted Public Distribution System to improve its efficiency, accountability and effectiveness is an ongoing process. Based on findings of earlier studies of TPDS, a Nine Point Action Plan is already under implementation by States and UT Governments. Implementation of the Action Plan is monitored by the State/UT Governments and by Central Government. Findings of the Report on 61st NSS have been discussed with the States/UT Food Secretaries on 06.08.2007 and copies of the Report have been issued to them. They have been requested to use the findings of this Report to assess critically performance of TPDS in their respective States and UTs and take action for its improvement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.